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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Kazumi NAITO
NIOBIUM POWDER, ITS SINTERED BODY, AND CAPACITOR COMPRISING THE SAME
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q68095

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of PCT/JP00/04753 filed July 14, 2000, amended on July 23, 2001, and U.S. Application No. 09/636,638 filed August 11, 2000, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/148,265 filed August 11, 1999.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form and Preliminary Amendment.

The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	20	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	4	-	3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
Base Fee								\$740.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								\$824.00
Recordation of Assignment								\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE								\$864.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$824.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Foreign priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-201058	July 15, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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